



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

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#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) California – CBP Officers Seize 400-Pounds of Meth in Two Smuggling Attempts at Calexico Port**

(U) Calexico – US Customs and Border Protection officers at the Calexico West Port of Entry intercepted two narcotic smuggling attempts in the same day, preventing more than 400-pounds of methamphetamine from entering the US. Total value of the seized narcotics is estimated at \$1.2 million.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [US CBP](#)

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##### **(U) Florida – Former Gainesville Resident Arrested for Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIS**

(U) Gainesville – A former resident of Gainesville, Florida, was recently expelled from a foreign country and returned to the US by the FBI for prosecution. Mohamed Fathy Suliman, 33, a US citizen, is charged in a criminal complaint with attempting to provide material support, including personnel (himself) and services, to the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist organization. It is alleged that Suliman left Gainesville, Florida, travelled to Turkey, and attempted to enter Syria illegally in 2014 in an effort to join and support ISIS.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [US DOJ](#)

##### **(U) Florida – Two FBI Agents killed, Three Wounded, Suspect Dead While Serving Warrant**

(U) Sunrise – Two FBI agents were killed, and several others injured while serving a warrant at a Sunrise home Tuesday morning, according to local law enforcement sources. Officials said at least five agents were shot and two were “gravely wounded.” Sunrise police said the individual was suspected of child pornography possession.

SOURCE: 2 February 2021, [Associated Press](#)

##### **(U) North Carolina – FBI Assisting Gibsonville Police in Investigation of Homemade Explosive Devices**

(U) Gibsonville – The FBI is assisting Gibsonville police in an investigation of homemade explosive devices found in a neighborhood recently, according to an FBI Charlotte Division spokeswoman. Multiple homemade explosive devices have been found along Wood Street in recent days and neighbors have reported hearing explosions for months. A woman found a device outside her Wood Street home on 25 January. Five days later, a man found a device on his porch. Gibsonville police are keeping watch on the neighborhood and their reward is \$1,000 for anyone with information.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [FOX8](#)

##### **(U) Ohio – Hospital Researcher Sentenced for Conspiring to Steal Trade Secrets, Sell Them in China**

(U) Dublin – A former Dublin, Ohio, woman was sentenced in US District Court today to 30-months in prison for conspiring to steal exosome-related trade secrets concerning the research, identification, and treatment of a range of pediatric medical conditions. Li Chen, 47, also conspired to commit wire fraud. Chen admitted in her guilty plea in July 2020 to stealing scientific trade secrets related to exosomes and exosome isolation from Nationwide Children’s Hospital’s Research Institute for her own personal financial gain.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [US DOJ](#)

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### **(U) Ohio – Hackers Remotely Removes Evidence Following Ransomware Attack on Police Department**

(U) Westlake – Hackers hit the Westlake Police Department and remotely eliminated video evidence. Westlake police confirmed that late last year, hackers took down the department's computer network and wiped out all video recorded by patrol car cameras before mid-November 2020. An official said the department never got a demand, but the ransomware froze police computers, and the attack deleted video. Some of that video could still be needed for court cases. Police said they don't believe the hackers accessed the public's personal information.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [WJW](#)

### **(U) Pennsylvania – Man Charged with Attacking Officer Who Suffered Concussion in US Capitol Riot**

(U) Philadelphia – Federal prosecutors have filed charges against an alleged US Capitol rioter who was one of the first people to breach barricades outside the complex, saying he attacked the police line, causing an officer to suffer a concussion. The man, Ryan Stephen Samsel, was charged with forcibly assaulting a police officer, attempting to obstruct a police officer, and obstructing an official proceeding, according to court documents unsealed Monday. Authorities arrested Samsel on Saturday in Pennsylvania, according to the Department of Justice.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [CNN](#)

### **(U) Pennsylvania – Man Arrested for Bomb Threats to Federal Buildings**

(U) Pittsburgh – A suspect has been arrested for calling in a bomb threat to the William S. Moorhead Federal Building in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Herbert C. Hoover Building in Washington, DC, Monday night. According to authorities, a 60-year-old Pittsburgh man called in the threat to the Moorhead Federal Building around 5 p.m., saying that a bomb would go off in 18 minutes. Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) along with local police evacuated the building but found nothing. The man called 911 a second time and threatened the Herbert Hoover Building in Washington, D.C. Police traced the call to the Pittsburgh man. The man was arrested at his home and admitted to making the threatening calls, authorities said.

SOURCE: 2 February 2021, [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

### **(U) Texas – FBI Arrests Alleged Proud Boys Member from Texas on Multiple Charges**

(U) Corinth – The FBI said a Denton County man who allegedly stormed the US Capitol last month and is a member of the Proud Boys was arrested on Friday. The 32-year-old man of Corinth is charged with knowingly entering a restricted building and violent entry, and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. He is at least the eighth person in North Texas to be arrested in the 6 January riot. According to a criminal complaint, the man is a reputed member of the Proud Boys. The FBI said it received a tip about the man's involvement from one of his associates and confirmed his identity by comparing images of the rioters to his driver's license photo. According to a live stream, the man called a US Capitol police officer who directed him to leave an “oath breaker” and yelled for people to get the officer's badge number, the document said.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [KXAS](#)

### **(U) Washington – Seven Arrested After Activist Group ‘Forcibly Occupied’ Washington Hotel**

(U) Olympia – Police in Olympia, Washington, said they removed dozens of homeless activists after they “forcibly occupied” a downtown hotel to secure housing for some of the city's homeless population. At 11 a.m. on Sunday, guests inside the Red Lion Hotel began calling 911 to report a group was attempting to “take over the hotel” and an employee was allegedly assaulted. Police estimated about 45 members of the activist group, Oly Housing Now, were inside and outside the hotel, some of whom were allegedly armed with hatchets, batons and knives. Seven people were arrested on charges, including burglary and

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trespassing, according to KIRO-TV, and more arrests were expected.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [USA Today](#)

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#### **(U) China – More Than 80 People Arrested in ‘Fake Vaccine’ Ring Crackdown**

(U) Beijing – China has said it is cracking down on a crime ring making “fake vaccines” for COVID-19 that has been running since September 2020, according to state media reports. Police departments in Jiangsu, Beijing, and Shandong have arrested more than 80 people involved in producing more than 3,000 fake Covid-19 vaccine doses, Xinhua News Agency reported. Xinhua said China's Ministry of Public Security is investigating crimes related to manufacturing and selling of counterfeit vaccines “and the illegal practice of medicine and fraud under the guise of the vaccines.”

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [CNN](#)

#### **(U) Lebanon – Lebanese Forces Arrest 18 Individuals with Suspected Links to ISIS**

(U) Aarsal – Lebanon's army said on Monday it had arrested 18 people, some Lebanese and others Syrian, with links to ISIS in the northern border town of Aarsal. The arrests came in “field operations” that took place over the past two weeks, an army statement said. The individuals arrested confessed to belonging to the ISIS group and supporting it, and several weapons were also confiscated.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [Asharq Al-Awsat](#)

#### **(U) Turkey – Turkish Authorities Arrest Alleged Top ISIS Assassin, 13 Other Suspects**

(U) Yalova Province – An alleged top assassin linked to ISIS was arrested in Yalova province, a senior interior ministry official said Monday. The official announced the arrest of the suspected terrorist in a Twitter post, saying the counterterrorism operation had been successfully held in Yalova province. In a later statement, local police announced that a total of 14 suspects, including the alleged assassin, had been arrested in the operation and that eight of them had been remanded in custody. The suspected assassin is also thought to have been in charge of smuggling exposed ISIS-linked militants to and from Turkey and Europe.

SOURCE: 1 February 2021, [Anadolu Agency](#)

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